

In the claims: The claims are as follows.

1. (Currently amended) A method for use by a business relationship manager module of a wireless terminal subscribed to an operator network, comprising:

receiving from an application hosted by the wireless terminal a request to determine whether the application is registered with the operator network, wherein registering the application includes signaling to the operator network for storing by the operator network an indication of an elected option for paying for use of the application along with an identifier of the application and a user identifier stored in the wireless terminal;

referring to one or more data stores hosting information on registration of applications to locate any registration information for the application using the identifier of the application and the user identifier, in order to determine whether the application is registered with the operator network; and

signaling to the application that the application is registered if by referring to the one or more data stores the business relationship manager finds that the application is registered, but otherwise displaying options for paying for use of the application, and then in response to an election by a user, registering the application by signaling to the operator network an indication of an elected option for paying for use of the application along with an identifier of the application and a user identifier stored in ~~a subscriber identity module~~ the wireless terminal.

2. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising registering the application with a user information

server.

3. (Previously presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the registering is via signalling between the business relationship manager module and the user information server and is according to session initiation protocol signaling or is signaling using an extensible markup language over hypertext transfer protocol or secure hypertext transfer protocol.

4. Canceled.

5. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the referring to one or more data stores is a referring to one more data stores hosted by the wireless terminal.

6. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the referring to one or more data stores is a referring to one or more data stores maintained by a user information server of the operator network.

7. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

receiving an indication to de-register the application;

signaling a de-register message to a user information server of the operator network so as to indicate that the application is to be de-registered.

8. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the application is assigned an identifier common to all copies of the application and used as an identifier for the application in the one or more data stores holding information indicating whether the application is registered.

9. Canceled.

10. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the options include a plan in which the user is billed monthly for use of the application.

11. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the application consumes network resources, and the method further comprises:

appending to each get request by the application a user identifier stored ~~in a subscriber identification module included~~ in the wireless terminal and an identifier indicating the application, and communicating the get request along with the user and application identifiers to the operator network.

12. Canceled.

13. Canceled.

14. (Previously presented) A wireless terminal, comprising:

means for receiving an indication that an application is to be executed;

means for referring to one or more data stores to determine whether the application is registered with an operator network, wherein registering the application includes signaling to the operator network for storing by the operator network an indication of an elected option for paying for use of the application along with an identifier of the application and a user identifier stored in the wireless terminal, and wherein in referring to the one or more data stores any registration information for the application is located using the identifier of the application and the user identifier; and

means for signaling to the application that the application is registered if by referring to the one or more data stores the business relationship manager finds that the application is registered, but otherwise displaying options for paying for use of the application, and then in response to an election by a user, registering the application by signaling to the operator network an indication of an elected option for paying for use of the application along with an identifier of the application and a user identifier stored in ~~a subscriber identity module~~the wireless terminal.

15. (Currently amended) A wireless terminal, comprising:

an application included in the wireless terminal so as to be executable by the wireless terminal, for providing a signal to confirm registration of the application with an operator network in response to a signal to begin execution, and further responsive to a signal indicating registration is in place, wherein registering the application includes signaling to the operator network, for storing by the operator network, an indication of an elected option for paying for use of the application along with an identifier of the application and a user identifier stored in the wireless terminal;

a business relationship manager also included in the wireless terminal so as to be executable by the wireless terminal, responsive to the signal to confirm registration, for referring to one or more data stores to locate any registration information for the application using the identifier of the application and the user identifier, in order to determine whether the application is registered with the operator network, for signaling to the application that the application is registered if by referring to the one or more data stores the business relationship manager finds that the application is registered, but otherwise displaying options for paying for use

of the application, and then in response to an election by a user, registering the application by signaling to the operator network an indication of an elected option for paying for use of the application along with an identifier of the application and a user identifier stored in ~~a subscriber identity module~~the wireless terminal.

16. (Currently amended) A system enabling billing a user of a wireless terminal for use of an application hosted by the terminal, comprising the wireless terminal and an operator network to which the user of the wireless terminal is subscribed, the operator network including a user information server, wherein:

a business relationship manager included in the wireless terminal is configured to respond to a signal from the application by signaling a request to the operator network to determine whether the application is registered, and for signalling to the application an indication of whether the application is registered, and for displaying options for paying for use of the application and for registering the application by signaling to the operator network, for storing by the operator network, an indication of an elected option for paying for use of the application along with an identifier of the application and a user identifier stored in ~~a subscriber identity module~~the wireless terminal; and

the user information server of the operator network is configured to respond to the request to determine whether the application is registered by referring to a data store hosted by the operator network to locate any registration information for the application using the identifier of the application and the user identifier, in order to determine whether the application is registered with the operator network.

17. (Previously presented) The system of claim 16, further comprising a gateway general packet radio service support node, and further wherein the business relationship manager is configured to append to each get request by the application a user identifier and an application identifier, and the general packet radio service support node is configured to count packets bearing the user identifier and application identifier by monitoring received packets.

18. (Previously presented) A computer program product comprising: a computer readable storage structure embodying computer program code thereon for execution by a computer processor in a wireless terminal, said computer program code providing instructions for performing the method of claim 1.

19. (Currently amended) A method for use by an operator network providing wireless communication, comprising:

providing to a wireless terminal at least one option for paying for use of an application hosted by the wireless terminal;  
and

receiving an indication of an option for paying for use of the application along with an identifier of the application and a user identifier stored in ~~a subscriber identity module included in the wireless terminal;~~ and

storing the indication of the option for paying for use of the application along with the identifier of the application and the user identifier for use in determining whether the application hosted by the wireless terminal is registered with the operator network.

20. (Previously presented) The method of claim 19, further comprising:

receiving from the wireless terminal a get request issued by the application along with the user identifier and the identifier indicating the application; and

counting the packets bearing the identifier indicating the user and the identifier indicating the application.

21. (Previously presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the support node is a gateway general packet radio service support node.

22. (Previously presented) An operator network providing wireless communication, comprising:

a software business server, for providing to a wireless terminal at least one option for paying for use of an application hosted by the wireless terminal; and

a user information server, for receiving an indication of an option for paying for use of the application along with an identifier of the application and a user identifier stored in a ~~subscriber identity module included in the wireless terminal~~, and for storing the indication of the option for paying for use of the application along with the identifier of the application and the user identifier for use in determining whether the application hosted by the wireless terminal is registered with the operator network.

23. (Previously presented) The operator network of claim 22, further comprising:

a gateway support node, for receiving from the wireless terminal a get request issued by the application along with the user identifier and the identifier indicating the application, and for counting the packets bearing the identifier indicating the user and the identifier indicating the application.

24. (Previously presented) The operator network of claim 22, wherein the support node is a gateway general packet radio service support node.